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SERIAL NO.: 09/933,742 :

FILED: AUGUST 22, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1615

FOR: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A
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AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.181(a)(3)

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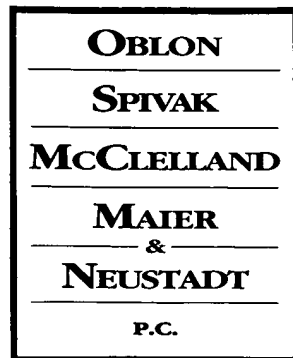
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Petitioner respectfully requests the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioner's Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that reference AW cited on the PTO Form 1449 submitted June 16, 2003, has been considered. A copy of the June 16 PTO Form 1449 as filed, including the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof, as well as a copy of this Form 1449 accompanying the August 12, 2003, Office Action indicating that all other references on this form 1449 had been considered are attached. Also attached are



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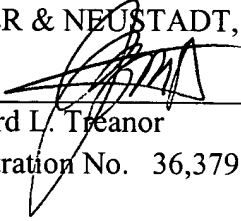
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

- (1) **Comments on Statements for Reasons of Allowance;**
- (2) **Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3);**
- (3) **Date-Stamped Filing Receipt, PTO Form 1449,**
Cited References 4 (Copies from June 16, 2003 Filing); and
- (4) **Initialed PTO Form 1449 (Copy from August 12, 2003, Office Action).**

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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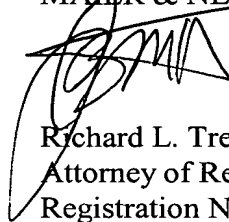
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copies of the references identified on PTO Form 1449. An early and favorable indication that the References cited on PTO Form 1449 have been considered is kindly solicited.

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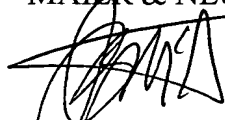
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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated January 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that document AW on the PTO Form 1449 submitted June 16, 2003, be considered. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of this reference by providing Applicant with an initialed copy of PTO Form 1449. A copy of the June 16 PTO Form 1449 as filed, including the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof, is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience, as well as a copy of this PTO Form 1449 accompanying the August 12, 2003, Office Action indicating that all

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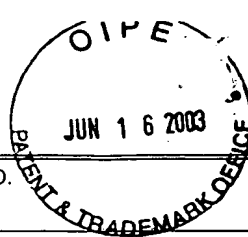
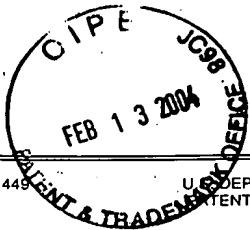
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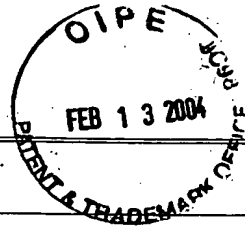
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CI Studies on sterolic sapogenins. V. Ruscogenin, 22.alpha.-spirostene-
3.beta.,19-diol, a new sterolic sapogenin of *Ruscus aculeatus* L.
AU Lapin, Henri; Sannie, Charles
IS Museum hist. nat., Paris
SO Bull. soc. chim. France (1955) 1552-5
OT Journal
LA Unavailable
AB cf. C.A. 48, 10995i. The saponins were extd. from *Ruscus aculeatus* L.
with BuOH, and hydrolyzed. The sapogenins were sepd. by paper
chromatography into digitonenin and a mixt. of 3 sapogenins. This mixt.
was sepd. by fractional crystn. of the acetates. The most abundant one,
called ruscogenin, had the compn., after deacetylation and drying for 5
hrs. at 120.degree. and 0.4 mm. Hg, C₂₇H₄₂O₄, m.p. 205-10.degree.. It is
an unsatd. diol, and infrared spectrum shows a steroid structure with a
spirane nucleus, no tertiary OH, and no CO. The double bond adds H over
Pt under pressure. Br gave a tribromo deriv., with 2 Br atoms adding to
the double bond and 1 Br substituting on C-23. One OH is at 3.beta., and
the double bond is at 5, 6, as shown by (a) selective deacetylation on
3.beta. of the diacetyl deriv., followed by Al(OPr-iso)₃ oxidation, to an
unsatd. ketone, and (b) lack of oxidation by MnO₂. Lack of reaction with
periodate shows that the 2 OH groups are not vicinal. CrO₃ oxidized one
OH group (the one not on 3.beta.) to CO. The structure of ruscogenin was
further confirmed by its oxidation with CrO₃, followed by Wolff-Kishner
reduction, to diosgenin. Ruscogenin is thus diosgenin with an extra OH,
whose position remains to be detd.
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